

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

Number of districts with students like ours: 12.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to average. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

#### Definitions of District Rating Terms

**Excellent-** District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

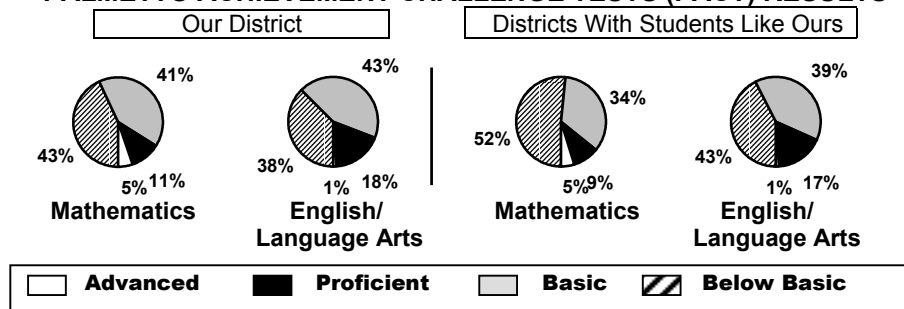
**Good-** District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average-** District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average-** District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory-** District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
<b>All Students</b>	86.9%	5.7%	62.4%	56.9%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	0.0%	0.0%	16.4%	20%
Students without disabilities	87.6%	6.2%	67.4%	60.8%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	90.0%	15.2%	54.4%	52.8%
Female	84.5%	0.0%	72.8%	63.1%
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African-American	84.9%	3.9%	58.8%	51.8%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A
White	100.0%	20.0%	80.1%	78%
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Lunch Status</b>				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	82.4%	4.3%	59.3%	53.4%
Pay for Lunch	96.7%	11.1%	78.9%	73.5%

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	44.7%	53.8%	53.8%
Passed 2 subtests	27.6%	24.8%	18.7%
Passed 1 subtest	15.4%	16.2%	16.5%
Passed no subtest	12.2%	5.1%	11.0%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	47.3%	49.5%	54.6%
Passed 2 subtests	23.2%	21.9%	19.5%
Passed 1 subtest	16.1%	16.6%	14.4%
Passed no subtest	13.3%	12.0%	11.5%

### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	5.7%	48.9%	5.7%
Districts Like Ours	7.9%	40.8%	8.0%

**College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	431	434	442	418	873	852	15.5	14.7	15.6	16.4	15.8	15.3	16.7	16.5	15.9	15.9
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

*These tests were administered to samples of students:*

**Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

**National Assessment of Education Progress :** A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

#### Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

## DISTRICT PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Dollars per student	\$7,696	N/A	\$6,718	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 90.2%	88.3%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	9.8 to 1	N/A	19.5 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0%	N/A	1.1%	0.6%
<b>STUDENTS (n=2,019)</b>				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	N/A	N/A	17.4%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 97.6%	95.6%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.2%	N/A	6.4%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	2%	N/A	5.3%	4.5%
• Retention rate	7.4%	Down from 11.1%	7.4%	6.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=164)</b>				
• Professional development days per teacher	5.3 Days	Down from 8.6	8.2 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.6%	94.2%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	43.9%	Down from 49.4%	42.6%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	81.1%	Down from 89.3%	81.9%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	3%	Up from 1.9%	2.8%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	90.1%	No change	87.4%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$38,575	Up 2.9%	\$35,563	\$37,143

## DISTRICT FACTS

<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Annual dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 4%	3.2%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	51.1%	N/A	47.5%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	1.5	N/A	2	3.5
• Parent conferences	52.5%	N/A	84.1%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
• Number of schools	6	No change	6	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	28.2%	N/A	3.4%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	100%	Up from 96%	97.8%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$63,555	Up 4.9%	\$62,376	\$64,098
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	34	N/A	94	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	3.5%	Down from 4.1%	6.7%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	8.3%	Up from 7.4%	10.4%	10.5%

Calhoun School District  
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**Grades** K-12

**Enrollment:** 2,019 Students

**Superintendent** Paula Harris 803-655-7310

**Board Chair** Gary Porth 803-823-2500

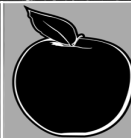
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### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Calhoun County School District is a small rural school district of 2,000 students. We face the same challenges similar districts face of declining enrollment, changing demographics, budget cuts, and new standards for educating our students. In the face of those common challenges, we are guided by our commitment to a quality education for all of our students. To that end we have worked to lower class size, provide a full-day program for our four year olds, after school and summer school programs for our students, alternative educational settings, wireless technology in most of our schools, and additional staff development for our teachers. We continue to struggle to maintain our areas of success and growth in these difficult economic times because we value our children.

Paula L. Harris  
Superintendent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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